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ATTENTION MEAT LOVERS AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS: JOHN'S CUSTOM MEATS IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Meat lovers in south-central Kentucky can benefit from John Rediess' 40 years of experience in the meat processing business at his new 5,600-square-foot plant near Smiths Grove.

John's Custom Meats LLC is selling farm-fresh Kentucky Proud beef and pork, inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in a retail area in the front of the processing plant. Customers can purchase USDA prime, choice and select meats by the cut or in packages.

Rediess welcomes deer hunters looking to process their venison this fall. He plans to accept sheep, goats and even rabbits as the business grows. Rediess is well-known in the area for his summer sausage.

The processing facility started accepting livestock on May 7. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, through a contract with USDA and funding from the Agricultural Development Board, has an employee trained to grade beef carcasses for quality as a way for producers to add value to their meat.

The Ag Development Board provided Rediess a \$245,000 forgivable loan, and Warren County added a \$5,000 grant. The money allowed Rediess to upgrade from a custom operation to a USDA-inspected slaughter facility providing livestock producers an opportunity to sell value-added meats directly to consumers.

Contact John's Custom Meats by calling (270) 563-4048. The business is located on Ky. 1297 at the Warren-Barren county line, eight miles south of the Smiths Grove exit on Interstate 65.

Directions: After exiting I-65, turn left on Ky. 101 south. Go 4.5 miles, then turn left on Ky. 1297. Go 2.5 miles, then turn left on Hydro-Pondsville Road. John's Custom Meats is located seven-tenths of a mile away on the right.